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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
SHIGENORI OZAKI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: DEO, D. V. N.
SERIAL NO: 10/589,511 :
FILED: AUGUST 15, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1792
FOR: METHOD FOR CLEANING :
TREATMENT CHAMBER IN
SUBSTRATE TREATING APPARATUS
AND METHOD FOR DETECTING
ENDPOINT OF CLEANING

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 11, 2009, Applicants hereby elect, *without traverse*, Group I, claims 1-6, 9-17, 20, 21, 23-25, 29, 35, 38-42, 47, 48 and 52-56, drawn to a method. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Group I, claims 1-6, 9-17, 20, 21, 23-25, 29, 35, 38-42, 47, 48 and 52-56 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

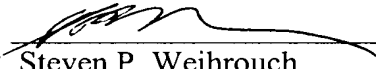
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